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The reply brief filed 9 May 2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The examiner requests the opportunity to present arguments at the oral hearing.

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